

**TODAY and
TOMORROW**

Br. Jackboot in Burma

THE British Government has just issued a White Paper with reference to the future constitution of Burma as a province of the British Empire. It will be a black day indeed for the Burmans, if and when this notorious White Paper comes into effect. For, the White Paper is nothing short of a brazen scheme to carry the Burma liberated early in 1942, back to its former serfdom under the British jackboot.

To retail Britain's wrongs to Burma from the time of Burma's enslavement under the Union Jack in 1860's to her liberation, a little over three years ago, would be to read out a most disgraceful chapter in the disgraceful history of British Imperialism. But, the British did not stop plaguing Burma even after they had fled the country helter-skelter on sight of the Nippon troops. The British runaways, staged an endless succession of terror raids from India on the inoffensive civilian population of Burma, and killed Burmese men and women, young and old by the hundred thousand.

Despite all this, the people of Burma, under the stimulus of their new-born independence have been all these three years taking giant strides in every field of worthwhile endeavour—politics, education, health and economic development. They have had for their leader no less a personality than Dr. Ba Maw whom John Gunther, the American author, describes as the biggest man in Burma. But the British Imperialists are bent on arresting this progress. They want to bring back Burma under their political domination and economic exploitation.

The White Paper would have us believe that the British Governor's autocracy which it provides for a period of years, is only a temporary stage. But we know from historical and contemporary evidence that an autocracy has always the habit of perpetuating itself. The British Governor during what is called a provisional period would so use his absolute power as to create at least some kind of discord among various parties in Burma and thus give an everlasting excuse to the British to retain their stranglehold on their country.

The British do no more intend to part with their power in Burma than with their power in India. Churchill at least has been quite outspoken in regard to this all along. When he became Prime Minister, he was asked whether the Crown Colonies and dependencies in the British Empire would be granted independence after the war in recognition of their contribution to Britain's war efforts. Pat came his reply. "I have not become Britain's Prime Minister to preside over the liquidation of the British Empire." And later on, he made a statement about the Atlantic Charter in which he most explicitly declared that the provisions of the Charter did not apply at all to India, Burma and other parts of the British Empire.

The salvation of India and Burma lies in the complete victory of Nippon in the Dai Toa Senso and in the utter destruction of Anglo-American imperialism in East Asia.

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GRIM WARS RAGING ON S. OKINAWA

*Staggering Losses Despite
Enemy's Effort To Keep
Casualty To Minimum*

A Nippon Base in the Okinawa Sector, May 18 (Domei)—Fierce fighting raging along the entire battlefield in the southern part of Main Okinawa Island since Tuesday May 15 continued with unabated fury today. The enemy has specially concentrated his assaults in the right wing sector where he has recently dispatched scores of groups of tanks mainstayed by heavy tanks to the Akumi sector on the western coast. These tanks are rolling southward under cover of furious surface craft bombardment from two battle-ships, as many cruisers, and five destroyers lying off Koroku. Nippon defenders are counter-attacking these powerful thrusts by hurling themselves against the enemy as "human bullets", and have checked the enemy onslaught at various points.

Our garrisons in the Takushi and Chodeka sector in the central part of Main Okinawa Island have established positions for attacking the enemy along the line of the village of Una to Sugengi.

There was no major change in other sectors since Wednesday, May 16. Nippon forces in the sector east of the central part of Main Okinawa Island are relentlessly hammering the enemy's left wing, exacting heavy toll of his men and materials.

Lisbon, May 16 (Domei)—A Reuter dispatch from the Okinawa front today further confirmed that American marines on Okinawa Main Island are incurring staggering losses despite every effort they make to keep casualties down to a minimum through the use of tanks, flame-throwers, planes and artillery shelling. It indicated that the Americans are paying heavily for every foot of advance as Nippon defenders refuse to be dislodged from their positions and are contesting every forward attempt whenever they get the chance, with sanguinary hand-to-hand fighting.

Azad Hind Fauj Fights For Defence Of Burma

Lisbon, May 18 (Domei)—Revealing that the Indian National Army is putting up a stiff fight in the defence of Burma, a New Delhi dispatch received here reported that an I.N.A. battalion recently lashed out against British forces moving into Southern Burma.

Striking out from the jungles, these I.N.A. troops were said to have fiercely attacked the British forces and slowed down their advance. Netaji Bose's units also were understood to be conducting forays against British lines of communications.

Nippon Must Win Greater E. Asia War At Any Cost

*Chief Army Spokesman
Surveys Situation In
Pacific Sector*

"We must win the war at all costs whatever the sacrifices may be. The misery of defeat suffered by Germany comes to our minds with great poignancy. It is as well that we keep that in mind because it is the same kind of misery and mortification that we will have to undergo in case we lose the war."

Thus declared Lt.-Col. Shozo Nakajima, Chief Spokesman of the Imperial Nippon Forces in the Southern Regions, at the weekly Press Conference here yesterday.

Reviewing the general war situation in the Pacific theatre, Lt.-Col. Nakajima stated that an American soldier, fighting in the Okinawa sector, had been saying, "Our enemy is an enemy who does not surrender to the very last—he does not know the meaning of the word surrender—and that the day of victory is to him something that is in the future. Among our soldiers (this prisoner declared) there is an atmosphere of war weariness and on the face of the soldiers who returned from the front line an expression of fatigue and weariness is clearly seen. There are many who are complaining (Continued on next page)

Nippon Air Arm Blasts Four Additional Enemy Warcraft Off Okinawa

A Nippon Base in the Okinawa Sector, May 18 (Domei)—The Nippon air force in another aerial strike carried out against enemy warcraft in Okinawa waters from Wednesday night to the following dawn is so far known to have sunk one enemy aircraft-carrier instantaneously, besides heavily crippling two cruisers and also another warcraft of unidentified category. Airmen of our special attack corps also participated in this devastating air assault.

This bag of four enemy warcraft represented only those confirmedly accounted for, while there are strong indications many other enemy surface craft were destroyed. Numerous wireless reports from participating airmen, each declaring "charging into enemy warcraft" or "finished torpedo attack" reached the base from where they went out on this sortie. These wireless reports alone strongly indicated there were many other war results that remain unconfirmed pending a further check-up.

CHOLERA EPIDEMIC BREAKS OUT IN CALCUTTA; PLIGHT OF CITIZENS MOUNTING

*British White Paper
On Burma; Autocratic
Powers For Governor*

While the British are determined to continue their domination and exploitation of India, they are already preparing plans to bring Burma back to its former serfdom under the British jackboot.

According to a despatch from London, the British Government has issued a White Paper with reference to the future constitution of Burma as a province of the British Empire.

This so-called White Paper asks the British Parliament to extend the military dictatorship of the British Governor for a period of three years. The British try to make out that the British Governor's autocracy will be only a temporary one.

Commenting on this, competent observers declare that, during what is called the provisional period, the British Governor would so use his absolute power as to create some kind of discord among the various parties in Burma and thus give an everlasting excuse to his masters in London to retain their stranglehold on the country.

6,000 More Casualties Inflicted On Enemy In Two Days' Bitter War

Tokyo, May 18 (Domei)—Nippon defenders of the southern sector of Okinawa Island additionally accounted for some 6,000 enemy casualties between May 15 and dusk May 16. During the same period they knocked out and set ablaze 66 enemy tanks, and destroyed six artillery pieces and 25 trenchmortars. This boosts enemy casualties since April 1 when the enemy landed on Main Okinawa Island to 49,500.

Meanwhile, the battle on Okinawa Island continues with unabated fury, especially in the salients centering around Naha and Shuri. Since yesterday morning, May 17, the enemy repeatedly stormed Nishihara village, Momohara and Ungyokumori in the sector facing Shuri. Although Height 150 at Nishihara village was lost to the enemy, Nippon forces are now carrying out fierce counter-attacks to recapture it. Bitterly contested fighting for every inch of ground is now raging at Ona, Suishi, Nakabi, and Azato near Shuri and Naha.

*Thousands Of People Die
On Roads Due To Acute
Famine & Disease*

Latest reports from India reveal that British-made famine and pestilence which has followed in its wake continue to take a heavy toll of Indian lives in Bengal. In Calcutta, it is reported that conditions have assumed alarming proportions.

According to a message from London, the Secretary of State for India, Leopold Amery, admitted in the British House of Commons yesterday that cholera is rampant in the city of Calcutta. However, said Amery, the British troops in the city have not been affected. This is no doubt due to the fact that the British authorities are taking good care of their own troops while neglecting the epidemic-stricken masses.

It is also reported that in Calcutta, people are dropping dead in the streets as a result of starvation and disease. The condition of the slums of Calcutta is also reported to be appalling. Revealing this, a New Delhi report says that a Governor's Act is being drafted in Bengal. The object of this Act is, according to the report, to secure the general improvement of the Calcutta slums.

A Press Note issued by the Bengal Government says that the Act gives the British Governor of the Province the power of notifying an area as one which is to be improved.

Striking evidence of British determination to continue their domination and exploitation of India is contained in other reports received here today. According to a British political correspondent, Lord Wavell's discussions in London about the Indian question have still not produced any results.

The correspondent said that as regards India's constitutional progress, he could find no disposition in political circles in London to question official view that there can be no constitutional changes or settlement in India for a long time.

Dissatisfaction Over Br. Rule In Palestine

Lisbon, May 17 (Domei)—Loud explosions, believedly caused by the Jewish National Military Organization, outlawed terrorist organization, last night rocked the Jaffa-Tel Aviv area, in a fresh manifestation of dissatisfaction over the British rule in Palestine, according to a Jerusalem message.

Four explosions took place at Harana, near Tel Aviv, and two others in the vicinity of a police camp at Jaffa. The explosions followed a country-wide pamphlet propaganda by the terrorist organization, warning civilians not to approach government buildings the dispatch said.

Nippon Must Win War At Any Cost

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of the slowness of the progress in the fighting."

While a war correspondent at Nimitz Headquarters in Guam relates that, even after the war in Europe is over (it is over now), soldiers and other war equipment cannot be sent over to the Far East. He admonishes those who are jubilant at the victory over Germany and reminds them of the ferocious nature of the fighting that is going on in the Pacific, went on Lt.-Col. Nakajima.

"Judging from these impressions we can say (said Lt.-Col. Nakajima) that the surrender of Germany has not much affected the feelings and psychology of the soldiers fighting in the Pacific. One of the important reasons is that the present fighting is so intensified and so ferocious that they are pre-occupied in their fighting and have not had much time to think about the defeat of Germany. Another reason is that they have expended all their energy in overcoming Germany. A further reason is that they have always been pressed by the Nippon soldiers and they cannot indulge in thoughts of the victory in Europe. To the Anglo-Americans the future of the war against Nippon is a matter of greater anxiety than their sense of victory over Germany. It is apparent.

"This is clearly seen in the words of American President Truman and Premier Churchill. The British Prime Minister had been admonishing his people not to over-indulge in victory as the fighting is not yet finished. The Anglo-Americans had surmounted one of their big obstacles but in the Pacific they have a very high and difficult mountain to climb yet. They have not got the confidence and so their minds are preoccupied with the insurmountable task they have been confronted with.

"In the Okinawa battles the enemy had been very rash and had suffered heavy losses—over 500 of their warcraft had been sunk and damaged. At the same time we are undergoing lot of hardships. The enemy is also undergoing severe hardships. We must overcome all these hardships, however. It is by overcoming these hardships we can obtain victory, or in other words defeat the enemy," remarked Lt.-Col. Nakajima.

Break-Through Attempt Fails North Of Davao

A Nippon Base in the Philippines. May 17 (Domei)—The enemy attempt to break through our positions on heights north of Davao after bitter shelling on May 14 failed when alert Nippon garrison forces intercepted them and challenged them blow for blow. Fierce fighting is now raging in this sector.

Enemy Planes Attack Shipping Off Chosen

Keijo, May 18 (Domei)—A communique issued by the Chosen Army Command District Headquarters at 5 p.m. today May 18 revealed that a formation of nine large enemy aircraft appeared over waters south-west of Chosen and after attacking Nippon vessels retreated south. The communique added that only slight damage was caused to Nippon vessels.

'Big Three' Clash Sure In European Post-War Plans

Zurich, May 16 (Domei)—The German collapse has focussed attention on political and economic reconstruction of Europe which would practically be divided into two blocs, namely, eastern under the Russian and western under Anglo-American leaderships bordering on a demarcation line in mid-Germany.

The three powers will endeavour to realize at the earliest possible economic revival and social stabilization in liberated or occupied areas in each own sphere, co-operating with the local authorities and inhabitants, but there may be naturally differences relating to the economic and social policy between blocs under Russian and Anglo-American leaderships.

The Anglo-Americans will primarily make efforts to secure social stabilization along the west European type of democracy through economic reconstruction in occupied areas, leaving each country relative wide action, while the Russians will promote economic reconstruction in countries under the Soviet sphere principally by utilizing their resources for reconstruction of torn Russian economy and strengthening its defence power and will exercise at the same time stricter control in the social, political and economic structures in each area, standing on the Russian socialistic viewpoint.

Those differences will especially clearly appear in the post-war disposal of occupied Germany. Results of the three powers occupying policy would be interesting as it may be one of the elements to decide future political and economic relations between the Anglo-Americans and Russians.

U.S. Destroyer Escort Sunk By Submarine

Tokyo, May 17 (Domei)—The United States Navy Department announced that the destroyer escort

Anglo-American And Soviet Rift Daily Widening

Tokyo, May 16 (Domei)—The controversy among the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union centering on the question of occupied territories and dependencies appears to be becoming more complicated.

While the United States, apparently with the intention of dominating the world, proposed that strategic areas be placed under the control of one country most interested therein, the Soviet Union naturally came out with its proposal for an amendment of the United States plan in an attempt to reserve the right to deny designation of areas.

It is clear that the United States, utilizing the term "strategic areas" is attempting to place all islands in the Pacific under its control. The Soviet Union is unable to overlook such a United States ambition, knowing it is impossible for the Soviet Union to acquire naval bases in the Pacific—long-cherished Soviet demand.

It must be pointed out that all naval bases the Soviet Union has secured as a result of the recent European war are limited to the Black Sea and Baltic areas. Although the United States intention towards the Pacific islands still remains in the category of wishful thinking, the Soviet Union is naturally not in a position to accept the United States proposal in its original form.

It is possible the controversy on trusteeship at the current San Francisco confab will develop into a conflict between national policies of the big naval power and big continental power. The report that Chungking also presented different amendments regarding the issue will undoubtedly make this question more complex.

Frederick C. Davis was sunk by a submarine in Atlantic waters, according to a United Press dispatch. The report said this makes 308 American warships lost during the war.

Indian Mass Rally At Indo Gekijo Today

In common with other communities in Syonan the Indian community will hold a mass meeting to protest against the American inhuman act of sinking the Nipponese relief ship "Awa Maru" at the Indo Gekijo this evening at 6.30.

Mr. M. V. Pillai, president of the Indian Welfare Association, will preside over the meeting and Officers of the Indian National Army and of the League will also be present.

The proceedings will be in Hindustani, Tamil and English and the speakers will be Janab M. M. Pavalar (Tamil) and Sardar Sohan Singh (Hindustani).

Following the lecture part of the programme there will be a stage show in which the Misses S. N. Saraswathy, Fernando and Mercy Anthony will take part.

The programme will be brought to a close with the screening of a film.

All Indians are requested to be present.

Irish Press, People Hail De Valera's Firm Stand

Lisbon, May 17 (Domei)—Manifesting their enthusiastic support of the Eire Premier, all members of the Dail, except one of the five opposition representatives, loudly cheered Eamon de Valera when he entered the Dail this afternoon following his broadcast reply last night to the charges made against him by British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, according to a Dublin dispatch.

De Valera appeared deeply moved by the ovation accorded him, the dispatch said.

Meantime, the Irish press today hailed De Valera's speech, regarding it as being a gentlemanly and yet firm defence of Eire's neutrality policy which completely shattered the basis of Churchill's charges.

Yugoslav Forces Firmly Entrenched In Trieste

Zurich, May 17 (Domei)—Yugoslav forces are still showing no sign of withdrawing from Trieste nor from Giulia Province, east of the Isonzo River, which flows into the Gulf of Trieste, although they are said to be withdrawing from Italian soil west of the river, according to a 'London Daily Express' dispatch received here today.

The message said that Yugoslav troops are continuing firmly to hold the important towns of Trieste, Monfalcone and Gorizia, although the Anglo-American authorities have brought strong pressure to bear on the Tito Government.

Manchoukuo Abrogates Anti-Comintern Pact

Hsinking, May 17 (Domei)—Manchoukuo today announced the abrogation of the Anti-Comintern Pact which it joined on Feb. 24, 1939, in view of the new situation in Europe, it was announced by the Foreign Ministry. The announcement stated: "Owing to the change in the international situation the Manchoukuo Government regards the Anti-Comintern Pact as having become null and void." The announcement followed similar action by Nippon and the National Government of China.

BIRTH

Son—To Mr. and Mrs. Victor A. Joseph on May 16th at Kuala Pilah Hospital. Both mother and child are well.

Anglo-Saxons United Against Soviet Russia

Lisbon, May 17 (Domei)—British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, in a statement to the House of Commons immediately following his return from the San Francisco Conference, today implied that the Anglo-American powers were definitely at loggerheads with the Soviet Union on outstanding world issues, according to a London dispatch.

The inference was drawn from Eden's remark that the United States and Britain were standing close together on "urgent disquieting" issues and his avoidance of mentioning the Soviet Union.

The British Foreign Secretary indicated that he would first like to confer with British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and his colleagues before discussing the San Francisco Conference and its multitude of problems.

He claimed that the San Francisco Conference had made good progress but gave no details. He also mentioned that he had had friendly and useful discussions with American President Harry Truman and American Acting Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew when he stopped at Washington on his way back to London.

Nippon Surface Units Sink 29 Enemy Vessels

A Nippon Base in the south-west Pacific, May 16 (Domei)—At least 29 enemy surface craft have so far been sunk and six others heavily damaged by our special attack surface corps, composite results achieved by this corps during the period from Mar. 28 up to May 13 in Okinawa waters revealed.

Our boxscore follows: Sunk, one cruiser, six destroyers, two large transports, three landing barges, seven minesweepers, and ten other warcraft of various types. Heavily damaged, one minesweeper which was most probably sunk, one transport which may have also sunk, and one other warcraft, probably a minesweeper. Set ablaze, two warcraft of unidentified category and one medium-sized transport. In addition five other enemy warcraft were probably set ablaze.

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MASS RALLY AT SELETAR TO MARK AZAD HIND DAY

In celebration of the Azad Hind Day on Monday next, May 21, a public meeting of Indians will be held at 14th mile, Seletar, at 7 o'clock in the evening, under the auspices of the Indian Independence League, Syonan Branch.

All Indians residing in Seletar area are requested to attend the meeting.

The meeting will be preceded by a visit to the Samaras Sanmarga Sangham at 6 p.m., the party of visitors being Dr. M. K. Lukshumeyah, vice-president, I.I.L. Rear Headquarters, Sri M. K. Chidambaram, chairman, I.I.L., Syonan Branch, Sri G. Maganlal, Member-in-Charge, Finance Department, I.I.L., Syonan Branch, Sri S. R. Iyer, Secretary, Health & Social Welfare Department, I.I.L., Syonan Branch, and Sri G. Sarangapani, Member-in-Charge, Press, Publicity and Propaganda Department, I.I.L., Syonan Branch.

The following is the programme for the meeting:

7.00 P.M.—Dr. M. K. Lukshumeyah, Vice President, I.I.L., Rear Headquarters, arrives.

National Anthem.

Welcome Address by the Chairman of the Reception Committee.

President's Address.

Speech by Sri N. Veera Pillay.

Speech by Sri G. Sarangapani.

Announcement of the formation of the L.A.C. for Seletar Area by the Divisional Chief.

Closing Remarks by the President.

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